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For: "INTEGRATED CIRCUITS  
PROTECTED AGAINST REVERSE  
ENGINEERING AND METHOD FOR  
FABRICATING THE SAME USING AS  
APPARENT METAL CONTACT LINE  
TERMINATING ON FIELD OXIDE"

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Official Action, mailed April 21, 2003. Please amend the application as described below. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.